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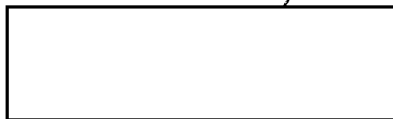
**TO:** Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
212 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Attention: Mr. Ernest Evans

Dear Ernest:

Here is our unclassified paper  
on Soviet military personnel costs.

Call me if you need anything  
else.



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In 1977, Soviet military personnel costs accounted for about 15 percent of what we estimate to be total Soviet defense expenditures in rubles. This share also holds true for the 1967-1977 period as a whole. As defined here, the personnel costs include pay and allowances, travel, and food for both the active and the reserve military personnel. If retired pay is also included, the effect on the share is negligible.

Under the same definitions for the US--based on US outlays dervied from DoD budgetary data for our recent dollar cost comparison study A Dollar Cost Comparison of Soviet and US Defense Activities, 1967-1977--the share of total defense outlays in 1977 allocated to military personnel was about 25 percent. If outlays for retired personnel are included, the share of total defense outlays allocated to military personnel increases to about one-third.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Attached is info on Soviet defense spending for you to pass to Ernest Evans, SAS staff, by phone if possible. Thanks.

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*212 Russell*

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CALLER: Ernest Evans, SASC 224-3871

REQUEST: Ernest Evans, SASC, called to request any unclassified reports we have on the portion of the Soviet military budget that goes to manpower. They would like to be able to use such unclassified information in open sessions before the Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel they plan to have shortly. If we have no unclassified material they would still like to see or be briefed on what we have that's classified. Would you please handle directly with Mr. Evans.

ASSIGNED TO: RJK FROM: THW

DUE DATE: ☐ Before Departing Today ☐ For 8:15 a.m. Meeting

RESPONSE: